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WILDLIFE REFUGE PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR.

Funds to be distributed total \$337,279.29, or 25 percent of the net receipts which come from operation of the refuges. This formula is based on a 1935 law. Earlier this year President Johnson signed a new refuge revenue-sharing law that allows counties, as of July 1, 1966, a choice of using the present formula of 25 percent of receipts, or receiving annual payments of three-fourths of one percent of the value of the refuge lands acquired in fee within their boundaries. The land values will be redetermined every five years. The funds derived from either plan must be used for county roads and schools.

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